

Appln No. 10/002,703

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Reply to Office action of November 4, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is intended to supplement and supercede the amendment filed on December 4, 2003 in response to the November 4, 2003 Office action. Claims 1-94 were filed with the application. Claims 51-54, 63-67 and 90-93 are now elected for examination in this application. Previous election of claims by the Applicant is hereby requested to be withdrawn.

The Action requires an election of claims from one of two groups of claims, Group I, claims 1-32 and Group II, claims 33-94. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group II, claims 33-94. Claims 1-32 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice as to filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Also, the action indicates that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The action further requires an election of the disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant elects the embodiment relating to the control process or system shown in FIG. 13. As such, claims 51-54, 63-67 and 90-93, readable thereon, are elected. Claims 51, 53 and 90 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form and not narrowed. As such, claims 51 and 53 now incorporates independent claim 33 and claim 90 incorporates independent claim 80 and intervening claim 82. Claims 33-50, 55-62, 68-89 and 94 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice as to filing a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney might expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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